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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 363  
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A RESOLUTION To honor and recognize Barbara Gant on her selection as the 2001 Salutatorian of Frayser High School.

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those students who, through their natural talents and unwavering commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Gant is most assuredly one such exceptional student who is richly deserving of this body's commendation; and

WHEREAS, Her persistence and hard work have earned her recognition as the Salutatorian of the 2001 graduating class at Frayser High School; and

WHEREAS, Through industrious study, steady composure during examinations, and untiring commitment of time and talent, Barbara has achieved remarkable academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in our great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, In her remarkable high school career, Barbara Gant has earned a commendable grade point average of 4.1; and

WHEREAS, A well-rounded individual, talented athlete and sterling scholar, Ms. Gant has been a valuable participant in many programs and clubs at Frayser High School, including

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the Band, the Track and Field team, the Basketball team, the National Honor Society, and the Yearbook staff; she has served her peers astutely as Senior Class Reporter; and

WHEREAS, Barbara holds the distinction of being the highest ranking cadet in Memphis City Schools in the Junior ROTC program, and this exceptional young lady won first place in the JROTC Knowledge Bowl; and

WHEREAS, in the realm of public service, Barbara has given generously of her time and talents as Spokesperson for DARE, a mentor for middle school students, and as a math tutor; and

WHEREAS, a talented performer, Barbara had the great privilege of singing at Carnegie Hall in 1997 as member of the Voices of Harambee Gospel Choir for the Commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding scholar will be commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army after her graduation; she plans to eventually attend college and pursue a career in medicine; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Gant epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; in an age where the youth of our country face great challenges, we can proudly state without equivocation that she represents all that is good in our young people today; and

WHEREAS, Barbara is an incredible source of pride for her mother, Esther Gant, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Gant's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition as a student at Frayser High School surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gant's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, That we hereby honor 2001 Frayser High School Salutatorian, Barbara Gant, for her many academic achievements, and extend to her our best wishes for success and happiness as she proudly serves her country in the U.S. Army.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.